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Subject: Freedom of Information Request: EPA response to Senator Whitehouse memo
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Environmental Protection Agency
National Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)
Washington, DC 20460

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

BACKGROUND

I received a copy of a memo sent to Kevin Minoli (Designated Agency Ethics Official) by Senator Sheldon Whitehouse on January 27, 2017, through a separate FOIA request to the EPA OIG. (You can see the memo in the OIG's response to me, dated 04/07/2017: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/view/request?objectId=090004d28115b964>) Sen. Whitehouse's office confirmed to me that the EPA eventually responded to his memo, although that response is not publicly listed anywhere. I believe it is in the public's best interest to know how the EPA addressed Sen. Whitehouse's concerns.

REQUEST

I hereby request the following records:

A copy of the EPA's response to Senator Whitehouse's memo, sent to Kevin Minoli (Designated Agency Ethics Official) on January 27, 2017. Please include any attachments.

In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a journalist writing for Motherboard, VICE's technology and science site, and that this request is being made as part of news gathering.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. They will be used in the course of my reporting for Motherboard (www.motherboard.vice.com).

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request, and I ask that this be processed in the "media" fee category. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Sarah Emerson

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